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In re Application of :
Annette C. Grot et al :
Application No. 10/628,171 : **ON PETITION**
Filed: July 28, 2003 :
Attorney Docket No. 10004269-1 :

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed January 25, 2006, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to submit the issue fee/publication fee in a timely manner in reply to the Notice of Allowance mailed January 20, 2005, which set a statutory period for reply of three (3) months. Accordingly, the above-identified application became abandoned on January 21, 2006

The petition satisfies the conditions for revival pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that (1) the reply in the form of the issue fee/publication fee; (2) the petition fee; and (3) the required statement of unintentional delay have been received. Accordingly, the issue fee/publication fee are accepted as having been unintentional delayed.


It is not apparent whether the person signing the statement of unintentional delay was in a position to have firsthand or direct knowledge of the facts and circumstances of the delay at issue. Nevertheless, such statement is being treated as having been made as the result of a reasonable inquiry into the facts and circumstances of such delay. See 37 CFR 10.18(b) and Changes to Patent Practice and Procedure; Final Rule Notice, 62 Fed. Reg. 53131, 53178 (October 10, 1997), 1203 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 63, 103 (October 21, 1997). In the event that such an inquiry has not been made, petitioner must make such an inquiry. If such inquiry results in the discovery that it is not correct that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional, petitioner must notify the Office.

There is no indication that the person signing the instant petition was ever given a power of attorney or authorization of agent to prosecute the above-identified application. If the person signing the instant petition desires to receive future correspondence regarding this application, the

appropriate power of attorney or authorization of agent must be submitted. While a courtesy copy of this decision is being mailed to the person signing the instant petition, all future correspondence will be directed to the address of currently of record until such time as appropriate instructions are received to the contrary.

This matter is being referred to Publishing Division.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Wan Laymon at (571) 272-3220.


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